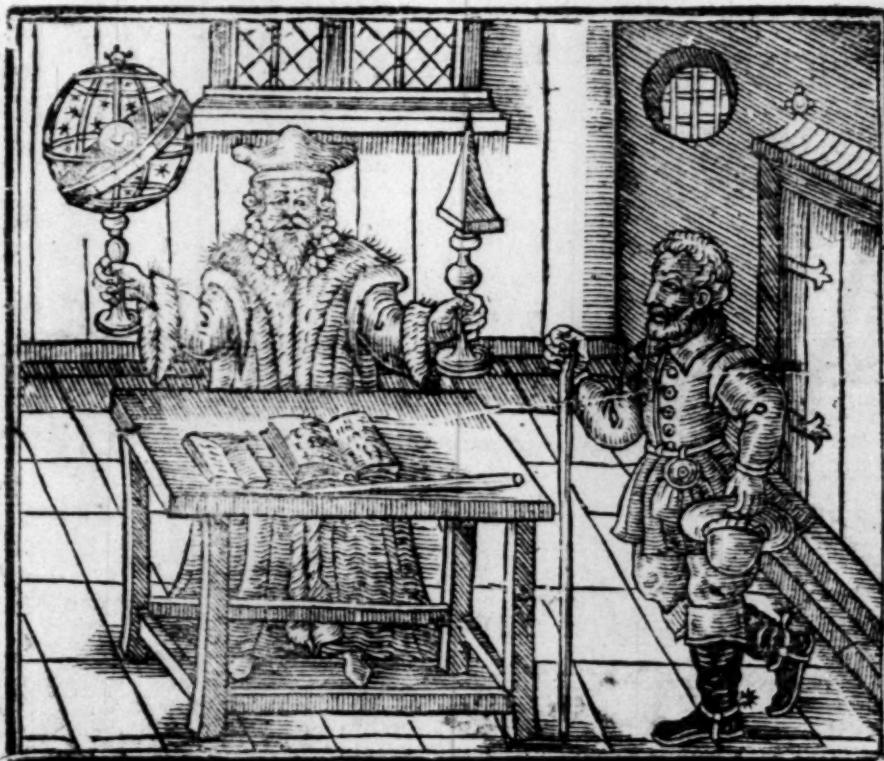


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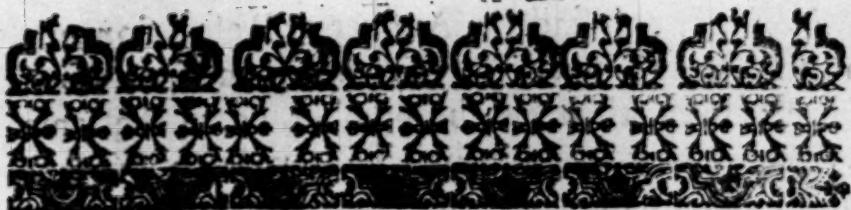
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losophers, which have described the same out of their natural Magick. They esteemed the same very much: hence many of them do yet imitate it; and hold it not, as we do, for a jest and sport, especially chief men in Banquets, and amongst Ladies, but for a very truth: and there may well be something in it. Of the like matters much is mentioned here and there by divers Authors, as Doctor Robert Fludd writes of the like at large. And thus it is not to be taken for a juggling, as if it came from Ægyptians and Fuglers, much less for a Witchcraft or Black-Art, as Ignorants and Idiots usually understand it. Vale.

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An Instruction and Information how to
finde out the Resolution and Answers
upon the Questions mentioned
in this ensuing Book, &c.

Ake one of these after-written Questions; as for Example, this Question, *Whether you shall get her or not, whom you do love;* noted with this Character X O, thereby you shall finde the number 24, which sheweth thee to the 24 Wheel: hold this Wheel before you; then cast you, or let him who desireth to know the Question, throw with two Dice a tree cast out of his hand: mark then how much you threw that cast with both the Dice; as, 5, 6, 7, 8; or 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12: then finde out the number you did throw, within the said Wheel: As for Example, your cast were 6; then you shall finde thereby written within the Wheel this word *Fountain*; but without the Wheel, upon the brim or margent, directly over against the word *Fountain*, you shall finde this number 64. This sheweth you then further to the lesser Globes or Balls. Look then for the 64 Globe, over which you will finde written this word *Fountain*, noting to be the *Fountain-Globe*: Within the Globe it self is written *Nymphæ*, under it this number 98. This leadeth you then yet further to the hindermost written number 98, under the title of *Nymphæ*, where you in the number of 6, which was your cast, shall finde the Resolution and Answer upon your Question.

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You may also finde an Answer or Resolution upon the same Wheel, if you throw 12 upon both Dice ; look then for the number 12 in the same Wheel, whereby you shall finde written *Worms* ; this signifieth so much unto you, that you shall go from this Wheel to the lesser Globes, and there to look for the *Worm-Globe*, which is in number the 70. Within is written J A S O N ; under it, this number 92 ; which sheweth you further, where you, under the title of J A S O N, and number 92, shall finde your cast, which was 12, and the resolution upon your Question.



*Now follow the Heads or Questions in genera',
which are contained in this Book.*



OF



Of all the Questions in general.

- B A. 1. Whether the sick body shall recover health.
K I. 6. Whether that is said, be the truth
or not.
- P V. 4. Whether you shall finish the business well, you do
purpose.
- Z V. 7. Whether the person who giveth you fair and good
words, remain constant to you.
- G A. 16. What your dream may signify unto you.
- B I. 21. What adventure you shall have this present day.
- Z A. 15. Whether you shall make a good and happy end.
- F V. 2. Whether the person which is gone to travel, shall
come in good health back again.
- M A. 5. Whether you shall be welcome, and have kind entertainment, where you intend to come.
- S I. 11. Who amongst the married couple shall survive
out-live the other.
- A R. 35. Whether you may trust your secrets to a friend, or
nor.
- D E. 3. Whether you shall well perform your journey.
- X A. 8. In what Trade or Traffic you may have best for-
tune to adventure your estate or money in.
- M E. 20. To know if you shall soon come to estate, riches,
honour, and preferment.
- G E. 19. To know if it were good to keep private intelli-
gence or correspondencie with such an one.
- A N. 36. To know in what kinde of Cattel one had best for-
tune to deal or adventure withal.

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- L E. 22. Amongst what kinde of people the person may be
best accepted of, and most beloved and resp. &c.
- R I. 27. How many wives a man shall be like to have.
- G I. 25. What manner of wite he shall get.
- Z E. 13. Whether you at last shall get those things again,
which you have formerly lost.

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- K V. 9. Whether the person you thinke or imagine upon, doth meane truly with you, and respecteth you.

SO. 17. Whether that which you now thinke upon, shall come to passe, yea or no.

PO. 12. To know what fortune may happen unto a child newly borne, either boy or girl.

XE. 14. To know whether you shall live long, increase in riches, and be fortunate in your age, yea or no.

PI. 18. Whether it be good to pursue any further the same businesse you doe desire to effect.

RE. 10. To know whether you shall follow the counsel and advice which is given unto you, yea or no.

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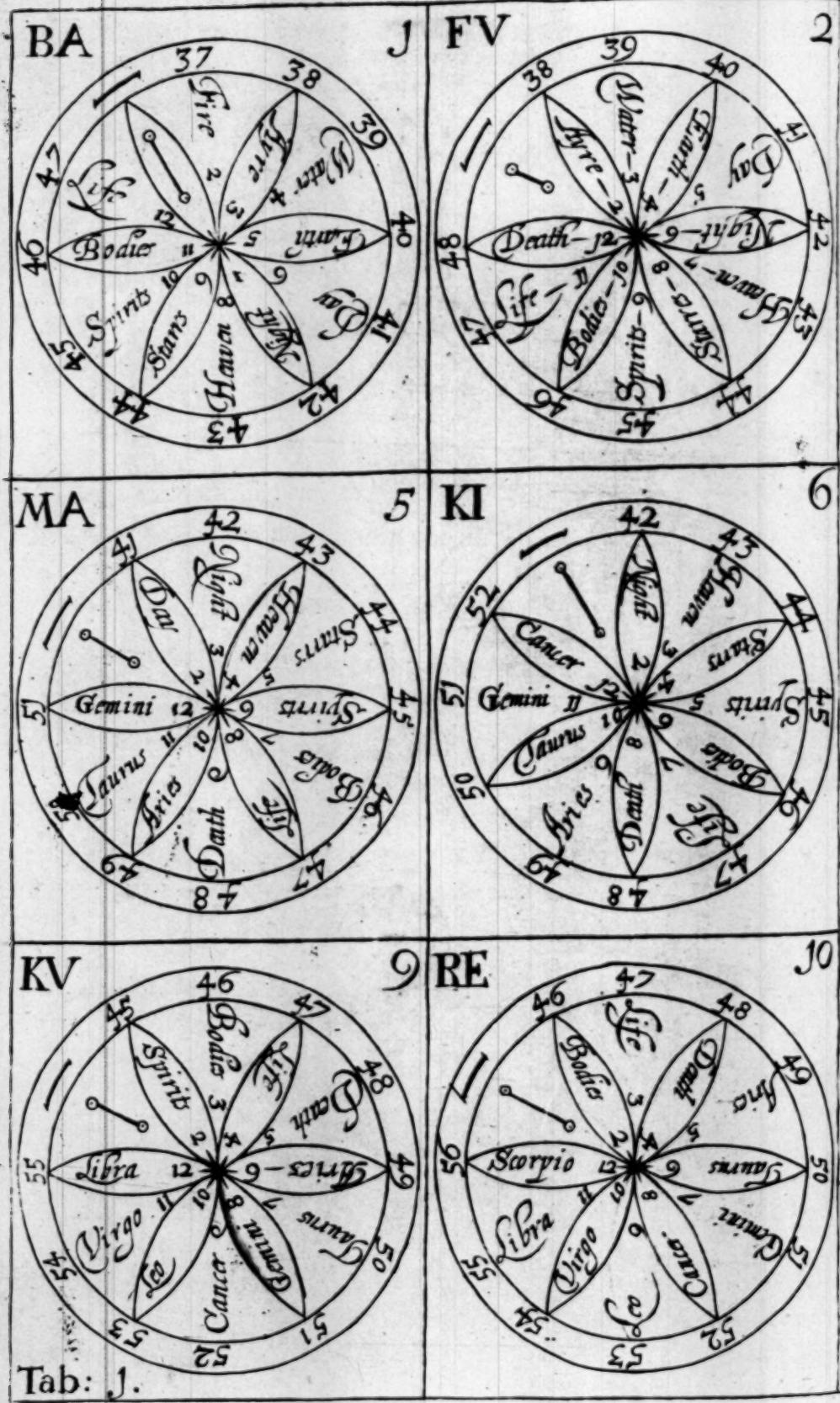
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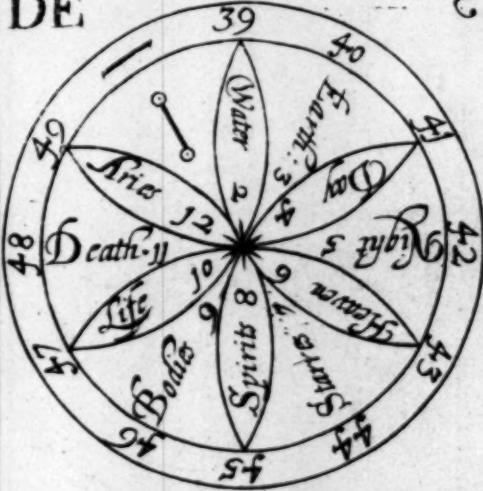
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- LO. 28. Amongst what people one may be accepted of.
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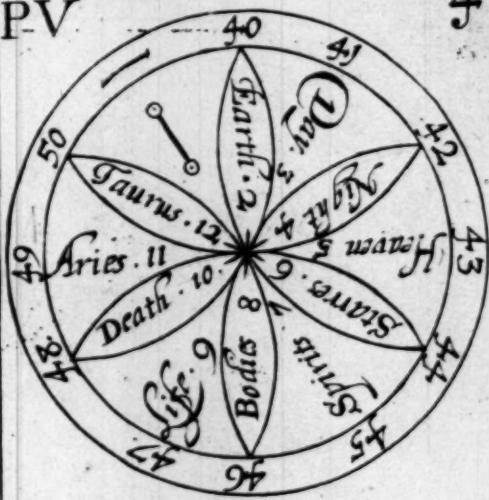




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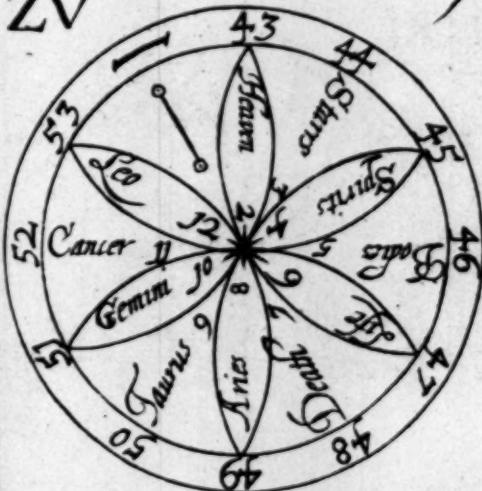


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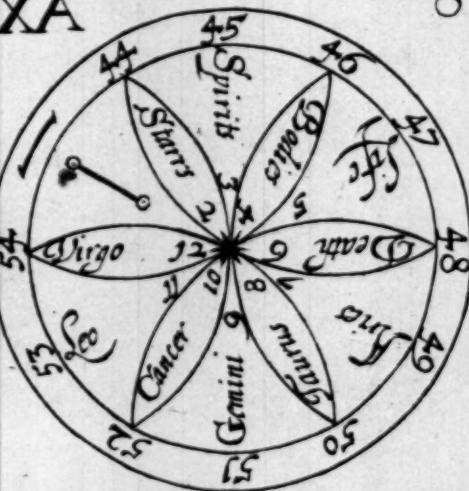
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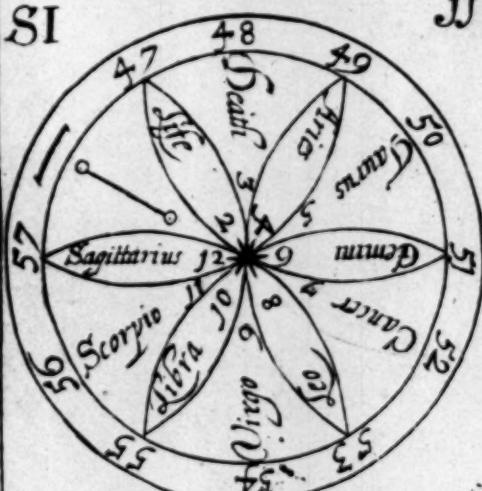
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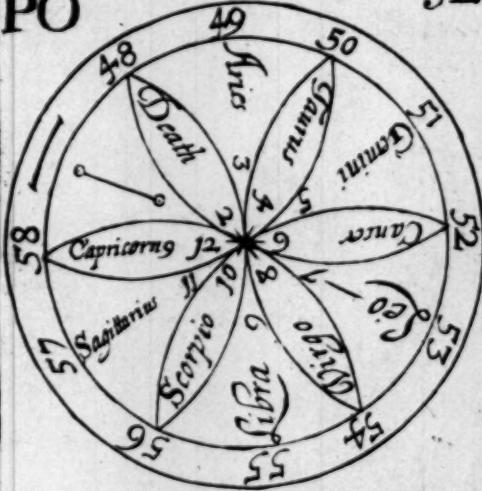


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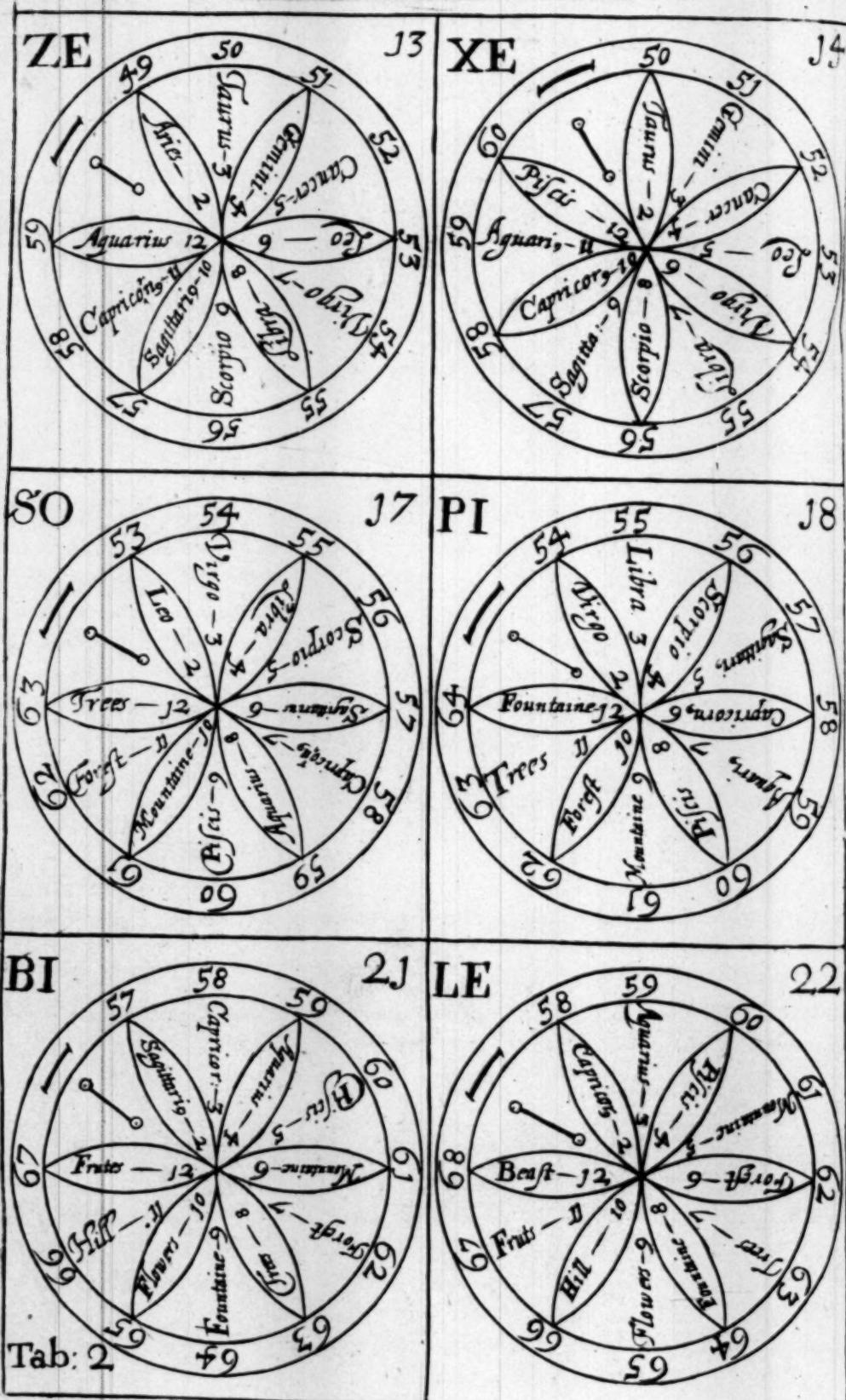
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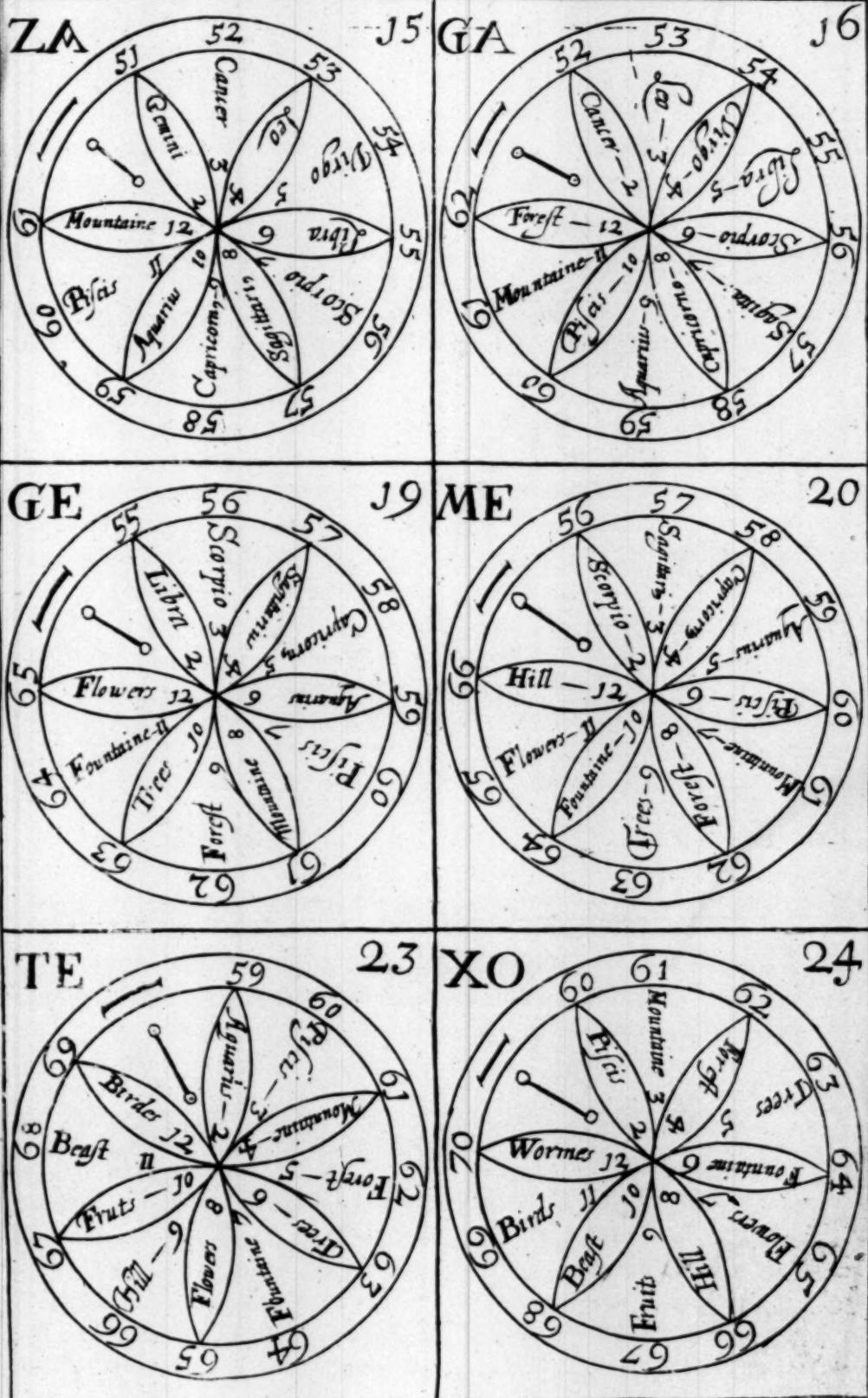


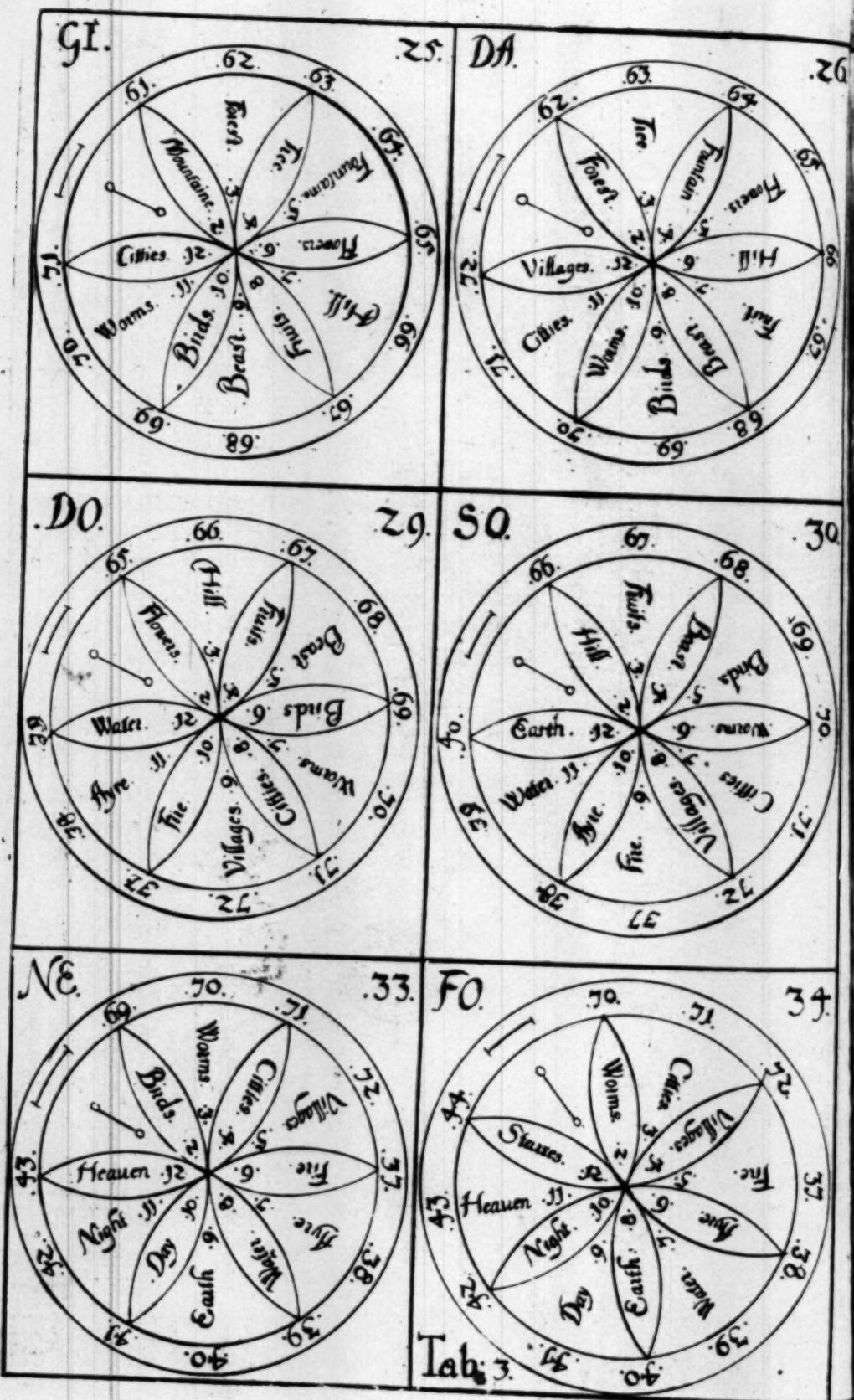
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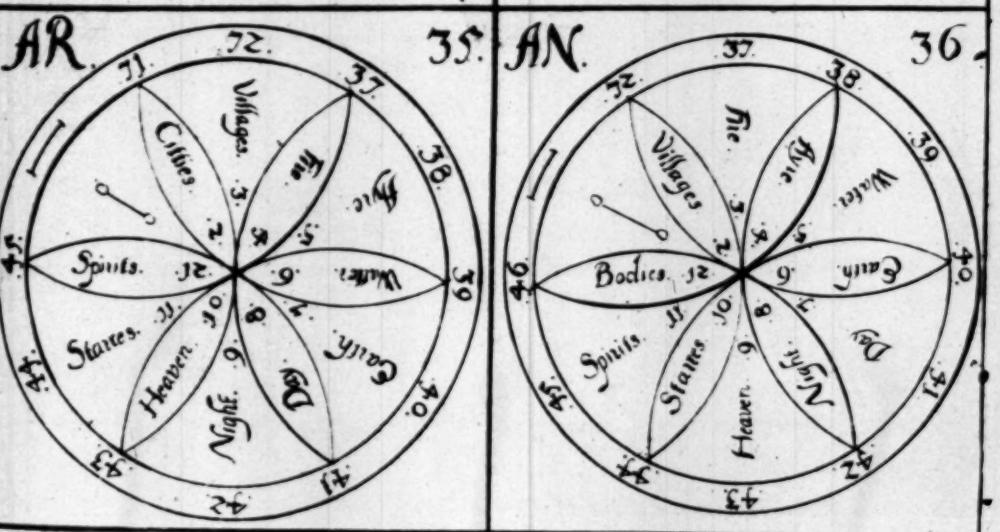
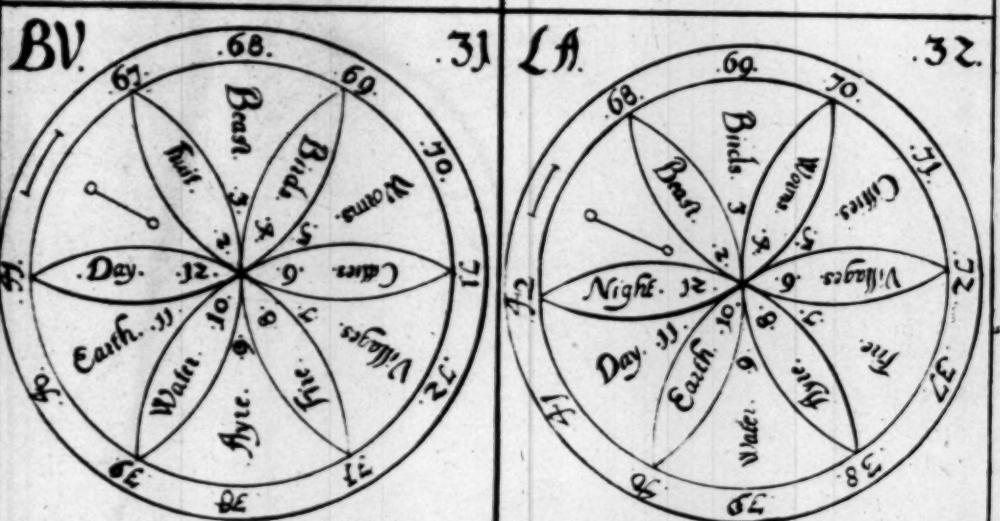
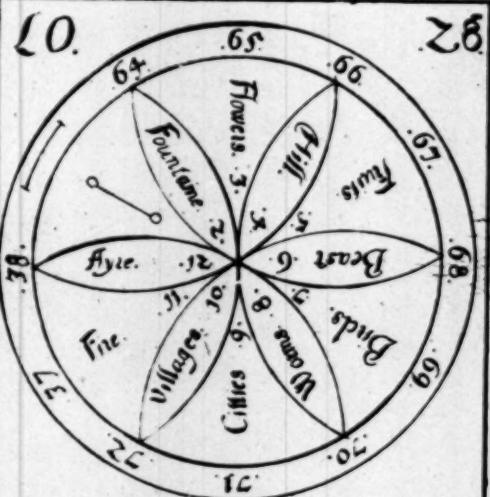
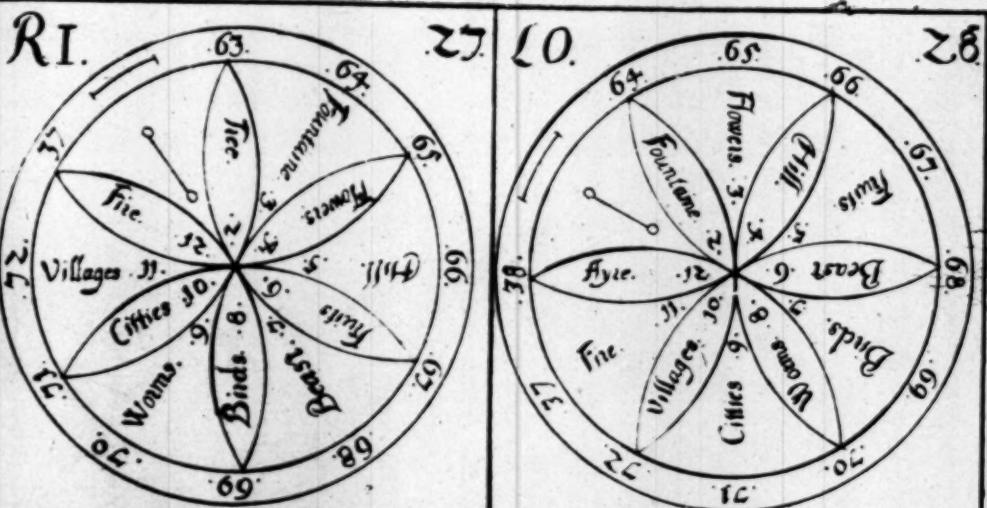


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- 2 **T**He sick in danger great doth lie
Of this same present maladie :
The former health which now is fled,
Will hardly be recovered.
- 3 **O**f any thing which thou canst keep,
To raise thy fortunes, will be shap :
Thou canst not have a better thing,
Which will to thee more profit bring.
- 4 **T**Ake heed ; for if thy secret be
Made known to persons two or three,
It will no longer be conceal'd,
But unto many be reveal'd.
- 5 **T**o die a maid you need not fear ;
For many children you shall bear ;
Tis three to one, ere you do wed,
You shall have lost your maidenhead.
- 6 **T**You art to have, by destinie,
Some store of husbands ere thou die :
By which thou mayst assured be,
The first will never bury the.
- 7 **A** Merry man, and diligent,
According to thy hearts content,
Will be to thee a husband kinde,
If thou canst get him in the minde.
- 8 **S**o many suiters you have now,
That very well you do not know
Which amongst them soe to take,
Nor who you should your husband make.
- 9 **I**f that thou shew thy self unkinde,
When thou wouldest have him in the minde,
His heart will be against thee set,
That thou no more his love shalt get.
- 10 **H**Is love is greater unto thee,
Then ever thine to him will be :
And if his love should now decline,
The fault is none of his, but thine.
- 11 **Y**ou do not learned men disdain,
But rather seek thereby to gain
Their favours, or to be their mate :
You do not bear them inward hate.
- 12 **F**riend, to be short, and end the strife,
Thou must and shalt have but one wife :
Make much and cherish her therefore ;
For when she's dead, thou gett no more.

C

Luna.

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Luna. 74.

1 **I**n this it semeth unto me,
Nothing but very truth to be :
Then 'twere a shame for to deny
What truth it self doth justify.

2 **B**y this it may be justly prov'd,
Of many you are well belov'd :
For, go into what place you will,
Your company is welcome still.

3 **Y**ou need not for to stand in doubt ;
This labour which you are about,
It will not onely profit bring,
But credit from the same shall spring.

4 **T**his journey is not like to be
So prosperous in each degree :
See that thou keep all things in frame,
To shun the danger of the same.

5 **I**f that no hinderance by the way
Doth cause this person for to stay,
He shortly will come back again,
In health amongst you to remain.

6 **T**he time is dangerous indeed,
To some in whom diseases breed ;
And goeth very hard with such
As troubled are with sickness much.

7 **A**pigeon-merchant right you are ;
Your wealth comes flying in from far :
Be sure that once a month, at least,
Your goods are like to be increas't.

8 **I**f thou wilt quiet live, thou must
Not many of thy secrets trust
To women : for they will by kinde
Reveal what ere comes in their minde.

9 **A**many children then shalt have,
At which death will hasten to their grave :
For whether they be weak or strong,
Not any of them will live long.

10 **Y**ou are further like still to remain,
Before a husband you shall gain :
Then of your carriage have a care,
For fear lest none fall to your share.

11 **I**t is allotted unto thee,
A spend-thift shall thy husband be :
Then be thy portion great or small,
Hide some, or else he'll spend it all.

Sol.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Sol. 75.

2 **G**o en thy way with merry chear ;
Thou needst no dangers for to fear :
For why ? this journey now by thee
Shall happily performed be.

3 **T**his person no long time will stay,
When once he is set on his way ;
But quickly will come home to tell
What in the way to him befel.

4 **T**he sick will linger long in pain,
Before that they be well again :
Yet very like they'll scape at last,
Though they recover not in haste.

5 **T**o Poultry thou hast god luck ;
For both the Hen, the Goose, and Duck,
Will all of them increase thy store,
And keep thee up, from growing poor.

6 **T**o a good friend, I dare to say,
Thy secret thou discover may,
And by the same mayst comfort finde,
To set at rest a troubled minde.

7 **T**hou shalt have many children, which
In thy conceit may make thee rich ;
They will of good condition be,
And in thy age will honour thee.

8 **Y**our destinie is but to have
One husband : for I do perceive
Your qualities to be so ill,
That when he dies, none other will.

9 **Y**our husband will be very old,
Of feature grim, and nature cold ;
With rotten teeth, and stinking breath,
That thou each day wilt wish his death.

10 **S**he is a very faithless one ;
For vertue in her there is none :
Then take her not to be thy wife,
For fear of breeding after strife.

11 **Y**ou'll get him yet, I'll undertake,
If 'twere but for your beauties sake :
Your liberalities likewise,
The true loves knot more firmly ties.

12 **T**he truth it is, he loved thee
As dogs and cats use to agree :
But if he bite, be sure thou scratch ;
There's no love lost in such a match.

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Neptunus. 76.

1 **T**HIS party will not much rejoice
To see thee, nor to hear thy voice :
For if your coming be to stay,
They'd rather wist you'd staid away.

3 **G**O forwards with your busyness ;
Go in it you shall have good success :
Whilst Fortune now on the both smile,
Waste thou no time in the mean while.

4 **T**HIS party, I am confident,
Is come not so to have content :
It is some other ways inclin'd,
As you by proff may after finde.

5 **I**BOLDly dare encourage thee,
Your journey prosperous will be,
Which now you are about to go :
You need not fear ; it shall be so.

6 **U**NTO the sick that is not well,
Unto their comfort I do tell,
They shall not linger long in pain,
But shall recover soon again.

7 **I**FF thou wouldest the horse-courser play,
So that thou take them brown or bay :
White jades have many a scurvie trick,
And dapple-gray will bite and kick.

8 **Y**OUR secrets you disclose too much,
And do reveal them unto such
As you do take to be your friends,
Which no such love to you pretends.

9 **I**T is like you'll have children score,
Some of them boys, but of girls more :
Thus Cupid's School is more upheld,
Then forces rais'd for Mars his field.

10 **T**HOU shalt have but one husband, which
Will be to thee as old as rich :
And as he is to have long life,
He will prove crabbed to his wife.

11 **A**MERRY young man, I well perceive,
Unto thy husband thou shalt have :
Therefore of him be not afeard,
Though's teeth be longer then his beard.

12 **I**FF thou in Marriage dost proceed,
A brave and lustie man indeed
Unto thy husband thou wilt get :
The worst, perhaps he'll prove in debt.

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Hymenus. 77.

- 2 **T**his counsel cannot be so good,
If rightly it be understand :
Then change it quickly, if you can,
And learn some of anotheret man.
- 3 **T**his person meaneth you no wrong,
Therefore see that you keep her long :
For, it is very hard to finde
One that shall be so well inclinde.
- 4 **Y**our fortunes will be very good
For fishing on the Ocean flood ;
Or, if thou wilst a Fisher be,
The Water nymphs will smile on thee.
- 5 **T**his person is both true and just ;
In her thou well mayst put thy trust :
Her dealings are upright and plain ;
No falsehood in her doth remain.
- 6 **P**ut not thy confidence in this ;
All is not true that spoken is :
For, when as time the truth shall try,
This doubtful this may prove a lie.
- 7 **Y**ou are right welcome, I dare say,
If that too long you do not stay :
Therefore it's good for to make haste,
For, fear your labour prove in waste.
- 8 **I**f you a god beginning make,
Of thy busyness you do undertake,
And that you go on forwards still,
The end thereof will not be ill.
- 9 **T**he danger it was very great,
This journey unto you did threat.
Tis good to learn how to prevent
The harms may fall by accident.
- 10 **T**his party which to travel's gone,
The way that he is bent upon,
When many weary step is spent,
He'll hardly come home as he went.
- 11 **N**o doubt this party of its pain,
Will in thore time be well again,
Such fits as these are incident,
As Sumner argues are in Kent.
- 12 **I**f Horses traffish die and shun,
Lest that by them thou hast undone :
The Staggers and the Farcy will
With Glanders, many of them kill.

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Parca. 78.

2 **T**his childe will very healthful be ;
It many happie days shall see :
And very like, before it die,
Will raise it self to honours hie,

3 **T**he husband is of no long life ;
For he will die before the wife :
A widow she'll not long remain,
But after married be again.

4 **I**t is a counsel good indeed,
Therefore to it do thou give heed ;
And follow it : for thou shalt see
No hurt thereby to thee will be.

5 **T**his party loves thee very well ;
There's no deceit in it doth dwell :
Its heart is from all falsehood free ;
No harm at all it wisheth thee.

6 **T**hy luck is best in Fire and Pettles,
To melt and cast Wells, Pots, or Pettles :
For therein lie thy chieftest gains,
If thou wilt work and take such pains.

7 **T**his party is not good to trust ;
For very like it is unjust :
Yet if thou dost, and chance to rue,
Day afterwards I told thee true.

8 **A**ll is not truth that now is spoke ;
And if that lying would but choke
The party which the same doth tell,
Lying would not be lov'd so well.

9 **T**hy self alone shalt welcome be,
So that thou bringst no guests with thee :
But if thou dost, I am afraid
They'll wish you all away had staid.

10 **V**hat you are purpos'd now about,
You need not so to stand in doubt
But it will have a good effect,
If you do not the same negled.

11 **T**hy journey dangerous will be,
And most unhappy unto thee :
If in the fainte thou dost proceed,
It's good for thee to take great heed.

12 **H**e who to travel far is gone,
If sickness let him but alone,
And crost him not of his intent,
He homeward now again is bent.

Jupiter.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Jupiter. 79.

- 2 **I**t is a very cunning youth,
That seems to mean but little truth :
Take heed lest he should you deceive,
And say that I you counsel give.
- 3 **A**ll is not spoken as it is
According to the truth of this :
I'll sooner say it is a lye,
Then stand the same to justifie.
- 4 **M**ost lovingly they will receive you,
But yet indeed they would not have you
There amongst them long to stay,
But wish you were soon gone away.
- 5 **I**f you be diligent in this,
Your labour will not go amiss :
Your business shall have a good end,
And you no time in vain shall spend.
- 6 **T**his journey very god will be,
And profitable unto thee :
Therefore go out with merry cheer ;
The truth of this thou needst not fear.
- 7 **T**his person, after he hath had
Great damage and misfortune (bad)
And thereby having cause to mourn,
He home again will then return.
- 8 **T**his party it will overcome
This sickness yet ; before the tomb
Doth it within the earth infold,
It shall more days in health beheld.
- 9 **B**eeding of Hogs is such a thing,
As special luck to you will bring :
Wallow, Wan, or Grains, they feed on all,
Or that which from your wifes back-side doth fall.
- 10 **Y**ou may disclose your business
Unto your friend : but ne'ertheless
It's god for you to take god heed ;
But be sure he be your friend indeed.
- 11 **T**hese children I perceive are such
As will not put you very much
To trouble : therefore be content,
And think to you they are but lent.
- 12 **O**ne husband you are like to have,
Who will content you, I perceive :
He will for you so well provide,
That by him you'll be satisfie.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Eolus. 80.

2 **H**e who to travel now is gone,
There's very little hopes, by none,
That ere he will come home again,
But will in absence still remain.

3 **A**lthough the sick may seem to lie
In danger, yet it will not die,
But will recover of its pain,
And have their former health again.

4 **A**ll sorts of wilde beasts unto the
Will oftentimes most hurtful be:
Yet if thou wouldest those dangers scape,
Do not so much as view an Ape.

5 **Y**our secrets do not you disclose
To any, be they friends or foes:
Except that need doth say thou must,
I would not any of them trust.

6 **I** can resolve thee that thy charge
Of children will not be too large:
For they shall be in number few,
Yet than shalt have thy nighty due.

7 **T**ake heed how you your choice do make;
You have but one husband to take:
Therefore sic that you have a care,
To get a god one to your share.

8 **A** clownish brankard you must have
Unto your husband, I perceive:
If that you will take care to spin,
He'll every night come eeling in.

9 **T**his man is not so bad, I see,
As you imagine him to be:
Therefore you'd better with him marry,
Then worse to spend, and longer tarry.

10 **B**ecause you are too grains too light,
Your dolonel puts hym in a fright:
Therefore he hath but little wimde
To you that are that way inclinde.

11 **H**e meaneth treuly so; his part,
And loves you two with all his heart:
Therefore be constant to him still,
That bears to thee so much god will.

12 **Y**ou are most welcome, as 'tis thought,
Wombe people that bee base and nought,
Which never for their living wrought,
Nor after any goodness sought.

Castori.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Castori. 81.

2 **T**O tell you truly, and be plain,
You'll hardly get these things again:
Then whether they were stoln or lost,
Bid farewell so much as they cost.

3 **U**NTO this childe, I do perceive,
It is ordain'd long life to have;
And shall be rich before it dies,
And also unto honour else.

4 **V**ULD you haue me to certifie
Whiche of the two the first shall die?
The husband hath the shorter life;
For he will die before the wife.

5 **T**HIS counsel it is not so bad
As you perhaps suppos'd it had:
For if you rightly do perceiue it,
You'll take them for your friend that gave it.

6 **T**HIS party's not so good indeed,
Therefore I wish thee to take heed,
And have a care that thou no whit
Do put thy confidence in it.

7 **Y**OU have good luck at such times, when
As you converse with learned men,
And such as to the Churche belong,
With that it seldom happens wrong.

8 **I**T is not good to trust this man
With any thing: for if he can
In private do thee any ill,
Tis very like that so he will.

9 **I**T is not all the truth that's said;
Therefore if I might you persuade,
You shouldest not trust the lawes: for why?
The great est part thereof's a ly.

10 **A**SO thou shal profitable be,
Thereafter they'll accept of the
But if thou nothing dost deserve,
They would not care though thou shouldest starve.

11 **T**HIS is to let you understand,
That you had better take in hand
Some other work: for why? & indeed
You'll hardly well in this proceed.

12 **T**HIS journey you must do in vain;
It will be nothing to your gain;
Yet thou perforce must be content,
Though thou return worse then thou went.

Apollo. 82.

2 **T**HIS person you need not to fear ;
He doth no envie to you bear :
You may with such communicate ;
For he to you doth bear no hate.

3 **Y**OU shall have special luck in ground,
Wongst mynes where treasure most is found :
In changing money also, you
Thereby will finde great profit too.

4 **D**O not this party trust : for why ?
Tis very false, I'll justifie :
The best that both from such proceed,
Doth nothing but contention breed.

5 **S**OME that is spoken, I confess,
It may be true : but ne'ertheleſs
Tis good to try before you trust :
For all, I cannot say, is full.

6 **T**HOU shalt be loved very well
Of those which neer to thee do dwell :
And strangers, when they thee do know,
Will bear good will to thee also.

7 **I**F thou striv'st to be diligent,
And labour'st for to gaine content,
Thereafter thou shalt be regarded,
And for thy labour be rewarded.

8 **I**N this same journey I advise
Thee for to be careful and wise ;
That thou the dangers mayst prevent,
Which may fall out by accident.

9 **T**HIS party will not long time be
Away : for shortly you shall see
It happily return again,
Whose labour hath not been in vain.

10 **T**HE danger of the sick is such,
That it is to be feared much :
It will not overcome this pain,
But die before it mends again.

11 **Y**OU have good luck for to converse
With priests : and if you can rehearse
How oft you sinn'd, I can resolue you,
He'll tell you that he can absolue you.

12 **I**T's good for thee, I do suppose,
That thou shouldest unto him disclose
The busines you are about ;
It will be for the best, no doubt.

Saturnus.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Saturnus. 83.

2 **T**here's special luck belongs to you,
With Marriage and by heirship too :
Thus shalt thou unto riches rise,
Yet do not thou the poor despise.

3 **T**his party unto you doth bear
An honest minde, you need not fear :
Its meaning is upright and true,
In all respects still towards you.

4 **S**ome what is true, but yet not all ;
Then let thy confidence be small :
Put not thy trust too much in this,
Nor seek for truth where falsehood is,

5 **B**ecause you are so much inclinde
To bear so wavering a minde,
There is not any will respect you,
Nor for your favours yet affect you.

6 **I**f that you do not understand
This work, then do not take 't in hand :
You'd better let it now alone,
Then wish (too late) you had done none.

7 **T**his journey goeth well with thee,
As thou wouldest wish it soz to be,
According to thy hearts desire :
What wouldest thou any more require ?

8 **T**his person will come home at last,
When time a little more is past ;
Her body dangerously will swell,
Of that disease her self will tell.

9 **D**espise not Physick, though there be
But small hopes of recovery :
And little hurt's cause sorrow much,
When greater are not cause of such.

10 **Y**ou may wade up in health to thy knees.
You have such luck to Ducks and Geese ;
Which well will prosper and increase,
Keep but the Fox and them at peace.

11 **T**is good for thee to have a care,
And of this person to beware :
Do not thy secret with her trust ;
For she to thee will prove unjust.

12 **T**here is a certain number set,
How many children thou shalt get :
Two is the most that they will be ;
Th' art never like to make them three.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Gratia. 84.

2 **B** etwixt the husband and the wife,
The female hath the longer life :
But afterwards, when he is dead,
She'll be too old again to wed.

3 **F**ollow this counsel : for I see
It will be very good for thee :
Therefore I hold this much to blame,
If that thou dost not take the same.

4 **T**his party meaneth thee no ill,
Therefore accept of that god will
Which it to thee doth seem to bear ;
No harm thereby thou needst to fear.

5 **I**n hunting you have special luck :
For hardly either Hare or Buck
Will ever scape your Dog or you :
Sometimes beware the Conies too.

6 **T**o doubt this man thou hast no need ;
For he right constant is indeed :
In him thou well mayst put thy trust ;
His meaning towards thee is just.

7 **I**n this yen may your selves persuade,
Much of it's very true that's said :
These that are speakers of the same,
They need not with the truth to shame.

8 **Y**ou art very welcome, if some thing
That's good, along with you you bring :
But if you chance to come without,
So welcome you'll not be, I doubt.

9 **I**would have you to understand,
The work which you have took in hand,
Th' effect thereof will be but small ;
It will not finish be at all.

10 **Y**our journey a god end will have,
As you your self would wish or estate ;
It happily shall finish be,
As you would it desire to see.

11 **T**he person who to travel's gone,
When he'll return it is unknown ;
To look for him, ye time but waste ;
He will not come again in haste.

12 **B**e patient, though thou art not well ;
For this lame sickness, I can tell,
It will not very long endure,
Before that time shall wox thy cure.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Pollux. 85.

- 2 **T**hou shalt live to be very old,
And many happy days behold :
Thou quickly wilt be rich likewise,
And also unto honour rise.
- 3 **A**ll toil and labour is but vain ;
For you will get nothing again :
You had as good let all alone,
As strive in vain, for that is gone.
- 4 **G**od understanding it will have,
But no long life, I do perceive :
Therefore I say, If you be wise,
Make much of it before it dies.
- 5 **V**hat would you know assuredly,
Which of the two the first will die ?
To tell you plain, and end all strife,
The husband lives to bury's wife.
- 6 **T**his counsel it may well be ghest,
For thac it will net prove the best :
Therefore it's better thou refuse it,
Then to repent if once thou use it.
- 7 **T**his party it doth wish you well,
And therefore this I can you tell,
It is not any way unjust,
But you in it may put your trust.
- 8 **Y**ou have god luck with Merchandise,
And in all sorts of Arts likewise ;
Whate'er thou tak'lt in hand or tries,
The profit from the same will rise.
- 9 **T**his person is a cunning one ;
If hurt by her thou wouldest have noie,
Then do not trust her, though thou know her,
No farther then thou well canst throw her.
- 10 **S**omething is true the which is said,
But yet I woulde no further wade
To justify, except I knew
That all the rest besides was true.
- 11 **G**en, you need not for to fear,
But that you shall be welcome there ;
And thou some kindness wilt perceive,
If well thy self thou dost behave.
- 12 **T**hy purpose nothing forward goest,
But backwards, as I do suppose :
Thy time about it thou mayst spend,
But hardly bring it to an end.

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Pluto.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Pluto. 86.

- 2 **Y**ou're long about this work, I see :
Except you could more quicker be,
I would have you to understand,
You get but little by the hand.
- 3 **T**his journey it doth threaten thee,
As if it would much hurtful be :
Therefore 'tis good thou shouldest take heed,
If to the end thou wouldest proceed.
- 4 **N**ot like to one that looketh sad,
For any cause of mourning had,
This person will return again,
But in a very pleasant vain.
- 5 **T**he sick will not endure long pain,
But quickly shall be well again ;
Therefore I say, Be of god cheer ;
Death at this time you need not fear.
- 6 **I**f then thou dost buy or sell,
Th' art like to raise thy fortunes well :
Thy careful wife, I'm sure, she scorns
That thou shouldest fail for want of h'rons.
- 7 **I**f you of help stand in no need,
But in all things do well proceed,
Yet be you silent ; for you may
Have need of help another day.
- 8 **I**f our conjecture rightly fall,
Be confident in this, you shall
Have lesser store of girls then boys,
Which may the more increase your joys.
- 9 **Y**ou shall two husbands have, fair maid ;
Chear up your heart, be not afraid ;
But this observe above the rest,
That of the two, the last is best.
- 10 **V**hen you in love go thowzow stich,
Indeed your husband shall be rich :
Yet Fortune thus your joy allays,
With him you shall see no good days.
- 11 **I**n thy maiden hove a care,
And seek in time to shun the snare :
His love seems true by th' outward part,
But there's great oddes twixt tongue and heart.
- 12 **B**e circumspea, I thee advise,
And of my counsel highly prize :
For thou art like (by Nature's course)
To have misfortune by a worse.

Venus.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Venus. 87.

- 2 **W**hen thou hast past thy worldly cares,
Then in thy bed, with fervent prayers,
Everlasting peace, for fading strife,
Thou shalt exchange, and end thy life.
- 3 **N**o short nor long thy life shall be ;
For thus the Fates do promise thee ;
Sometimes in joy, sometimes in pain.
Thou shalt t' a middle age attain,
- 4 **F**ear not, my friend, be patient yet,
And do not madly foam nor fret :
For he who took the things away,
Will, his own self, himself betray.
- 5 **T**his bashful childe is born to god ;
By blushing it shews graceful blood ;
And in this world it shall so thrive,
That to great credit twill arrive.
- 6 **T**hink on no second Marriage-bed ;
Your husband is already dead :
Prepare your self ; for you his wife
Shall quickly after leave this life.
- 7 **T**his counsel is not worth a fly ;
Tis full of childish foppery :
Therefore be careful if thou can,
Seek counsel of a prudent man.
- 8 **H**e loves you well, be sure of that,
If you despise not, you know what.
And I by rules have understood
That 'tis firm love, and very good.
- 9 **N**ow be you careful every way,
Take time of thriving while you may :
Believe and take this truth from me,
Your luck's in Farms and Husbandry.
- 10 **B**e not deceived over-scarc,
For fear you judge beyond the Moon :
But for a truth thus much thou learnest,
The party means well in good earnest.
- 11 **U**pon reports some doubts ensue,
Whether the thing be false or true :
But in this matter you are freed ;
What hath been said, is true indeed.
- 12 **T**wish, never fear ; for you ere long
Shall gain your wishes by your tong :
Your words proceed from such deep sense,
They'll have you for your eloquence.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Tyresias. 88.

2 **B**e careful to avoid debate :
For of this dream I calculate,
That it doth rightly signifie
Some inbred hate, or enmitie.

3 **T**hou mayst in this life have good days ;
But be advis'd in all thy ways :
For I am doubtful (my good friend)
Thou wilt not make an happie end.

4 **A** Happie and auspicious let
It thine, if thou prevent it not :
Long shalt thou live (mark what I tell)
And every one shall love thee well.

5 **F**riend, in this case I do desire ye,
Be diligent, and make enquirie ;
And through your wisdom and your care,
You'll get it again ere you be ware.

6 **T**his childe is lustie, stout, and strong,
And very likely to live long :
If Nature do her promise hold,
He'll live till he be very old.

7 **B**e sure of this, and do not doubt,
We all must die, though ne'er so斜cut :
And thus I probably surmise,
The wife before her husband dies.

8 **S**tand not consulting, but make haste ;
Strong not your self ; the time's soon past :
The counsel's very good indeed,
If it be followed with speed.

9 **B**e wise : for if you take not care,
You'll be entangled in a snare :
This man, as Fowlers watch for Birds,
Doth wait to catch you in your words.

10 **I**f you be wise, you may attain
Unto good store of worldly gain :
From several projects you may draw
Much wealth, and from affairs o' th' Law.

11 **T**his party meaneth well at th' first,
And seems all good : but here's the wrost ;
He is not constant in 's intent,
But falls from what at th' first he meant.

12 **B**e not too credulous, my friend,
Lest you repent it in the end :
Thus much my counsel may persuade,
All is not true that hath been said.

Hercules.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Hercules. 89.

- 2 **B**e confident in this; do not
Mistrust what's written here, each set:
What you do think in verity,
Twill come to pass immediately.
- 3 **D**reams are but fables, as 'tis said,
Yet from some dreams is truth betray'd:
But now I'll speak i'th' vulgar sence,
This dream is of no consequence.
- 4 **A** Happie life like end begets;
And when your son of Nature sets,
Having done good (while you had breath)
Full many will lament your death.
- 5 **B**e not dismay'd, nor take affright,
Although your fortune be but slight:
Live honestly, and do no wrong;
For certainly you'll not live long.
- 6 **H**ere may some difficulty arise,
Yet be content, let this suffice:
If the things be not gone so far,
You'll have them all, just as they are.
- 7 **L**et not the parents their hearts break
With grief: for though the childe be weak,
Twill prove a pretty prating ape,
And many sicknesses escape.
- 8 **T**is probable what here you finde,
Such chance blinde Fortune hath assign'd:
The shirt is weaker then the smock,
And this Hen will out-live her Cock.
- 9 **T**hough this advice perhaps may serve,
Yet lest thou shouldest from wisdom swerve,
Ask others counsel what they say;
If one won't serve, another may.
- 10 **V**ou may perchance mistrust the party,
And think all sayings are not heartie;
But learn by me to censure truly,
The party meaneth just and truly.
- 11 **A**uspicious luck you may expect,
If you your courses well direct:
The conuersation of great Lords,
To you no little gain affords.
- 12 **I**t is a saying worth the learning,
Take heed in all things, is fair warning;
If this be true (as 'tis indeed)
Then of this party take great heed.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Serpentina, or Proserpina. 90.

2 **B**E careful how thou chuse a wife ;
Whoe'er thou tak'st, lasts all thy life :
Then chuse one god (whate'er besal)
For thou shalt have but one in all.

3 **A**Las, poor man, I pity thee ;
But now 'tis grown past remedie :
Thou art so far enamour'd on her,
That now thou hast no way to shun her.

4 **I**'M sorry for thee, honest lad ;
For thou shalt have one very bad :
Nor scold, nor whore, but one far worse,
A quean that will drink dry thy purse.

5 **V**ULDST thou be wed? I know thou wouldest ;
But it is requisite thou shouldest
First know her. Ponder my conceit :
Perhaps, she's not each way compleat.

6 **T**Hough she be coy, do not despair ;
She loves thee well, take thou no care :
But yet she hath a minde to sic
Whether that thou wilt constant be.

7 **Y**OUR gesture being rude and ill,
Like will to like ; believe it still :
And you'll to none so welcome be,
As to Venereal company.

8 **B**E circumspect this day (my friend)
If to your self you good intend ;
For sure it may be understood,
That he intendeth you no good.

9 **H**ERE is preferment profer'd you ;
But give me leade to say what's true :
You being one that's a man shaver,
May be preserr'd by women's savor.

10 **F**Riend, have a care, and wisely shun
The danger whereon thou maist run,
If thou dost not heedfully
Look unto this company.

11 **Y**OU may obtain the business well,
If you take notice what I tell :
If you rightly go about it,
Or else y'are like to go without it.

12 **Y**OU think upon a thing, which, yet,]
It is not possible to get :
Therefore do not your self beguile ;
For 'twill not be as yet awhile.

Ceres.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Ceres. 91.

2 **B**E wise (sweet heart) do what you can
To win his love : he's a brave man :
And if you do go thowzow stich,
(Between you) you'll grow very rich.

3 **H**E is a young man very fresh,
And sses y'are given to the flesh ;
Therefore he hath no minde to you :
Do not deny't ; for this is true.

4 **S**WEET heart, if you would win hi's minde,
You must not coyly seem unkinde :
You are to him so maiden-like,
That Cupid hath no will to strike.

5 **Y**OUNG men will not accept you much,
Your condition it is such :
Yet here's a help for you agen ;
You shall be welcome to old men.

6 **B**E not too hasty yet to marry :
Let me advise thee still to tarry :
When e'er thou wedst, thou'l live in strife ;
Then keep thy self without a wife.

7 **G**O on, and prosper with success
In Marriage : if you do possess
Each other, this believe soz certain,
You shall attain to happy fortune.

8 **T**HOU needst not care though long thou stay :
Thy wedding is no happy day :
A prattling gossip thou shalt web,
When once thou with a wife art sped.

9 **T**HOU canst insinuate very well,
And in her favour hop'st to dwell :
But yet (my friend) I tell thee plain,
That all thy labour is in vain.

10 **T**IS pity love should not love win ;
And pity 'tis you did begin
To woo this lass : for this is true,
You love not her as she loves you.

11 **T**HOU art so proud and insolent,
Thou wilt no company frequent ;
Therefore this is thy just reward,
That no-body doth thee regard.

12 **B**E careful, and mark what I say,
I have special minde upon this day,
Lest you your negligence do rue ;
For this day bears no good to you,

Jason.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Jason. 92.

- 2 **G**reat pitie 'tis that Nature art
Bathy done so much upon her part,
To make thee strifful : for 'twill prove,
Thou'lt have more children then thou'lt love.
- 3 **F**ear not, sweet heart, all shall go well ;
You never shall lead apes in hell :
For you of husbands shall have score ;
Three at the least, it may be more.
- 4 **D**amsel, applaud thy happy Fate ;
For thou shalt wed a happy mate :
Thus much of him I do preage,
He will be thrifte in's best age.
- 5 **B**e not afraid of him, sweet heart ;
For 'tis not fit you two shold part :
Marry him once, and you shall see
What a happy match will be.
- 6 **T**hou thinkst this man doth hate thee much ;
Be sorry that thy thought is such ;
For he no malice bears to thee :
Make trial on't, and thou shalt see.
- 7 **S**trive not against the stream of Love,
Nor take more pains then doth behove :
For I must tel thee, Hopes are small ;
Pay more, it will not be at all.
- 8 **B**oth young and old do thee respect ;
By company all do affect,
By reason of thy modestie :
Continue that until thou die.
- 9 **V**erover, mark these certain words,
Another wife thy Fate affords :
But you shall never well agree,
By reason of her jealousie.
- 10 **T**hy self a pot-companion art,
And wantest one to take thy part :
A drunken wife then thou shalt have,
A drunken quean t'a drunken wabe.
- 11 **S**he whom thou tak' st for better, for worse,
Is harshe, but she'll train thy pulse :
She's seeming holy, and de more ;
Then keep her: tenderly, be sure.
- 12 **T**his Fortune seems preposterous,
And yet (in troth) 'tis certain thus :
Though she's enamour'd much on thee,
Thou ne'er shalt have her, take 't from me.

Fortuna.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Fortuna. 93.

2 **W**er't not for hope, the heart would break,
This (by experience) we may speak :
For th' hope to thy company is much,
But the profit is nothing such.

3 **Y**our wishes may arrive,
If diligently you do strive :
But let me tell you this withal,
Your honey will be mixt with gall.

4 **D**o not despair, nor yet presume ;
For it may, and, it may not come :
Your expectation shert will fall ;
Twill partly happen, but not all.

5 **P**repare your self to entertain
A guest, whom (I must tell you plain)
You did not look this day to see :
When it comes to pass, remember me.

6 **L**ook to your best life : as for this,
In it you shall have earthly bliss :
You'll die through thurst, and good behaviour,
With riches, and all peoples favour.

7 **A** Happy life I do presage ;
For you shall live unto old-age :
Great honour for you is allow'd,
And quickly too ; yet be not proud.

8 **E**ither the things that you have lost,
Shall come again to you in post,
Or if you do n't them soon obtain,
They n't, for they'll ne'er come again.

9 **L**e t not the Parents take to heart,
If from their childe they soon depart :
For I can shew you reasons strong,
To prove this childe cannot live long.

10 **L**ook for no second Marriage-bed,
(Good wife) your destiny is read :
Chuse you whether you'll laugh or cry,
You must, before your husband, die.

11 **H**arken not to that advice,
If of thy welfare thou be nice :
For when 'tis rightly understood,
Wh'en't finde the counsel is not good.

12 **B**e not miscrentful ; for the party
(With affection true and hearty)
Lobeth you more dear then any,
Though there's profer'd choice of many.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Bacchus. 94.

2 **I**n your own power it doth lie
To work the thing effectually :
For your consent once being won,
The bus'ness is already done.

3 **T**is true, he loves you as the rest,
But knows not which he liketh best :
For he hath choice : to every one
He pretends love, but well loves none.

4 **T**o people that can talk and prattle,
And (gossip-like) love twittle twattle ;
To raw young wits, and such as these,
Your company's good ; none else 'twill please.

5 **O**ne wife will not bring you to th' grave ;
For many wives y'are like to have :
Be careful then, look to your self,
And mix some love with worldly pelf.

6 **Y**ou are a douright-dealing man,
That neither cog nor flatter can :
Therefore I tell you (to be shott)
You are not fit to live at th' Court.

7 **S**he will both handsome be, and rich :
Therefore she'll seek to wear the bwitch :
For she's by nature very proud ;
To wealth and beauty that's allow'd.

8 **P**erhaps you might with her bear sway,
But that a block lies in the way :
She drunckards hates ; you being one,
Must let the pot o' her alone.

9 **A**nd yet the enmity is not
So strong, but it may be forgot :
But twill grow greater, if it be
Not scop't in time : make haste, agrée.

10 **Y**our wisdom and god parts approv'd,
Makes you be very well belov'd
Of th' Clergie, and all vertuous men :
Scarce such a man is found 'mongst ten.

11 **Y**our warning's shott ; you shall not need
Much patience : to speak truth iax'd,
Thus 'tis observ'd (mark what I say)
You shall see what you love this day.

12 **T**hus brave Heroick honest dæds
Have in Fames garden sown such seeds,
That thou shalt soon preferred be,
And all thy friends shall joy in th'e.

Medea.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Medea. 95.

2 **N**ever think of change (sweet heart) for you
Shall have but one, I tell you true :
But such a husband he shall prove,
That you will live and die in love.

3 **I**n troth, the Fates on thee do frown ;
For thou shalt have a churlish clown :
I'll nothing say thee to provoke ;
But in foul weather wear thy cloke.

4 **T**hy fortune's good, I prove it can ;
For thou an understanding man
Shalt have ; and one with whom always
Thou mayst live quiet all thy days.

5 **B**e of god cheer, do not despair,
Although she seemeth not to care
For thee at all ; yet do not doubt.
Old fire will not be soon put out.

6 **T**hou lovest him (sweet heart) I guess ;
And on his part I'll say no less :
You two are likely to agree :
Thou lovest him, and he loves thee.

7 **A**las, good man, thy case I moan ;
For thou art ty'd to such a one
That doth not love thee as she should :
I'll say no more, for fear she'll scold.

8 **B**e thou contented, honest lad ;
Chuse a god wife, if to be had :
For one is all th'art like to marry,
And she till death with thee shall tarry.

9 **M**ake haste (my friend) do not delay,
But marry, and carry her away :
For she's a houswife every inch,
Besides, she is a zealous wench.

10 **Y**our choice is good ; for she is such,
That speaks enough, but not too much :
Indeed, she's a well spoken woman,
With qualities that are not common.

11 **I**f you do conclude this match,
I wish hensover you dispatch,
You shall wed, i'rk what I say,
And upon an holy day.

12 **M**ake much of her, and love her dear ;
Her love to thee thou needst not fear :
For she is constant unto thee,
And so she will for ever bee.

Tityrus.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Tityrus. 196.

2 **Y** ou may (my friend) say right I see,
A Harrier or Hause-courser be :
For thus your fortune doth ordain,
By horse-flesh you shall get much gain.

3 **B**e ruled by this advice I give,
And still observe this, while you live :
Keep your secrets from a punk,
And from a man that will be drunk.

4 **D**ivers children you may have,
Which will soon go to the grave :
But the Fates have thus contriv'd,
Daily one son shall be long liv'd.

5 **C**hildren you are like to have none ;
For you must have onely one ;
And that one will be so bad,
Him you'll wish you'd never had.

6 **B**e thou happy in thy choice ;
Thou good cause hast to rejoice :
For a young man true and kinde
To thy husband thou shalt finde.

7 **B**e not griev'd to lose his love ;
For if thou the truth couldst probe,
Then wouldest never with him link :
He is worse then thou dost think.

8 **S**weet-heart, set thy thoughts at rest ;
Time will work all for the best :
Thou shalt have him, I dare say ;
But thou yet a while must stay.

9 **D**oubt him not ; for he is just ;
He rather woes for love then lust :
Thou of this mayst certain be,
He bears a constant love to thee.

10 **L**ove requires love. (by Reason's law)
Love kindness doth another daw :
And you in spight of Fortune's blindnes,
Shall be accepted for your kindness.

11 **T**hou shalt good utterance have with wives,
Three with thee shall lead their lives :
And thus from me resolue thy self,
The third of them will bring most pelf.

12 **S**he is jealous of another,
Therefore love her (honest brother)
She will to no good be won ;
To speak plain, 'twill not be done.

Diana.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Diana. - 97. -

2 **P**roceed and prosper : your designe
Will come to pass, as I divine :
And, before much time expire,
You shall accomplish your desire.

3 **T**hou art much deceiv'd (my friend)
If thou any credit lend
To thy thoughts : full well I see,
What thou thinkst, will never be.

4 **T**his dream (as probably I ghesse)
Signifies solitariness :
Then be so merry as you may,
And drive all dumpish thoughts away.

5 **A**sweet presage your fortune lends,
(That which I wish to all my friends)
A laudable end you'll make at last ;
Which scene to act, let all foecast.

6 **Y**our life you'll pass in joy and health,
Joynd with store of worldly pelf ;
Then do not forget to render
Hearty thanks unto the sender.

7 **T**he things you lost, seem to forget ;
For Destinie hath laid a net :
And you (devoid of further care)
Shall have them ere you be aware.

8 **B**e of good comfort, mother milde,
By you the father of this childe ;
For it is lustie, scund, and strong,
And therefore likely to live long.

9 **B**e patient, honest woman, and
By your husband's death's grief well withstand :
For death of him will make a slaughter,
And thou must look to die soon after.

10 **I**f thou be wise, this counsel take,
And of the same good profit make :
For it is good : do not dispute,
But with all speed if execute.

11 **C**onside not on this party : for
His tongue and thoughts do not concur :
Where one thing's spoke, another thought,
You needs must miss the mirth you sought.

12 **B**e thou a scudier howsoe'er ;
For thou shalt prosper, never scar :
In war against thine enemy,
Thou shalt come off victoriously,

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Nymphæ. 98.

- 2 **B**E not deceiv'd (my friend) for you
Expect great welcom to ensue :
But you shall finde that friends will shink,
You'll not be welcome as you think.
- 3 **I**Dare say (my lad) that thou
Hain wouldest match thou car'st not how :
Whether it be to peace or strife,
Thou wouldest gladly get a wife.
- 4 **Y**ES, have her if thou wilt : but know,
I're about the match thou go,
Thou canst live no quiet life ;
For she will be a jealous wife.
- 5 **I**F for shape and pulchritude
Thou dost seek, I thus conclude :
Thou shalt have a handsome girl,
With beauty fit to please an Earl.
6. **I**F thou dost expect to have her,
For the purchase of her fav'rs,
There's requir'd much cost and pains ;
First sit down, and cast the gains.
- 7 **T**IS true indeed, there's now great kindness,
But there is in friendship blindness :
The foundation is not strong,
Then the building can't last long.
- 8 **A**Mongst those of the female sex,
Wids, wives, and widows, all I'll mix)
You shall indifferent welcome finde,
But not according to your minde.
- 9 **A**Second Constellation rains,
And unto you this lot remains :
For all your sortowes (I dare say)
You'll have much merriment this day.
- 10 **I**FF thou wouldest be preferr'd (young man)
Leave off thy wooing (if thou can)
A reason for't my judgement renders ;
This wooing thy preferment hinders.
- 11 **Y**OU may confide for certainty,
Upon this honest company :
From god, god springs ; and prov't you will,
This company is constant still.
- 12 **A**Lthough't be long before (my friend)
You bring your wishes to an end ;
Be patient, and with toil and pain,
You shall your ends i'th' end obtain.

Orpheus.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Orpheus. 99.

- 2 **S**WEET heart, the man that's made for thee,
Will rather like a woman be :
He'll be a Cotqueant, on my credit :
When't haps, remember that I sed it.
- 3 **G**OOD woman, set your heart at rest ;
You are with jealousy possest :
And till that passion you subdue,
This man will ne'er concue with you.
- 4 **A**LTHOUGH the man be somewhat slack,
And in affection doth hang back :
To tell your gold his fingers itches,
And you may get him for your riches,
- 5 **T**AKE heed, before you go too far ;
For though he seem a fixed star,
Yet very easily he'll remove ;
For he's inconstant in his love.
- 6 **T**HY company's not fit for all ;
Thy welcome is most principal
Among young men, and people that
Love to be merry, laugh, and chat.
- 7 **I**PPY thee, lad, be n't vext at me ;
For I can't help thy destinie :
I do not judge thy course of life,
But th'art not fit to have a wife.
- 8 **I**FF ever thou be i'th' minde to wed,
It must be wyne drink's in thy head :
Thou lov'st nor honest lass, nor punk,
Unles it be when thou art drunk.
- 9 **T**HOU shalt a handsome lass obtain ;
I promise not much worldly gain :
Her beauty is a portion rich.
Ware horns : Does not thy forehead itch ?
- 10 **T**HOU mayst presume never to fail ;
For in thy suit thou shalt prevail :
It is thy lot alone to have her ;
For thou art greatly in her favor.
- 11 **F**EAR not, my lad, to have this lass ;
For certainly none ever was
So far enamour'd on a man :
She'll do, to have thes, all she can.
- 12 **T**HOU art so clownish and so rude,
That 'tis but folly to intrude
To womens presence : they contemn
Thy company, 'cause thou lov'st not them.

Mercutius.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Mercurius. 100.

2 **I**f thou a trustie friend canst finde,
Then unto him disclose thy minde :
Two heads (they say) are better then one ;
Then trust not thine own skill alone.

3 **B**e not afraid that you shall not
Have any children : for your lot
Is to have three, nor more nor less :
This to be true, you shall confess.

4 **S**weet-heart, the Fates favour you much ;
You'll have a husband that hath such
Rare wit, and qualities so sweet,
For any good thing he'll be meet.

5 **T**hy fortune is kinde lass, to have
One that shall be a souldier brave.
Reselue thy self before thou matry,
If thou a knapsack well canst carry.

6 **M**arry him (woman) if thou can ;
He's a good loving merry man :
He'll laugh away all idle folly ;
He: mirth's better then melancholy.

7 **Y**ou might perhaps the man obtain,
But th' less is better then the gain :
For without doubt believe't for true,
He loves another better then you.

8 **Y**ou love the party well, I know ;
The party loveth you also :
But here's the difference, in few hours,
You'll finde it not so firm as yours.

9 **T**hy vertues that transcendent be,
Thy prudence and humanitie,
Makes every one to love thee well :
Thus Vertue doth twixt Honour dwell.

10 **T**hou shalt, my friend, twice married be,
And widower twice (take this from me)
For thou shalt surely have two wives,
And neither of them shall live long lives.

11 **H**er love's more slippery then an Eel ;
Now at the heart, anon at th' heel :
Be wise, my friend, let her alone ;
She falls in love with every one.

12 **T**wixt good and bad your chance is put ;
A rich wife, but an errant slut ;
And yet to marry her be n't afraid ;
Money will hire a cleanly maid.

Mars.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Mars. 101.

- 2 **Y**ou are so impudent and bold ;
Deny it not ; all's true here told :
I will from preferment keep you long ;
Then blame your self for your own wrong.
- 3 **A**lthough great friendship senneth yet,
Unto the same a date is set :
It will all turn to hate i th'end,
And one will gainst another bend.
- 4 **B**e patient ; don't despair at all,
And in the end mark what will fall :
Before a little time expire,
You shall attain to your desire.
- 5 **L**et not thy thoughts delude thee, friend ;
For if thereon thou dost depend,
Thy hopes are vain, and short will shink :
I will not all be as thou dost think.
- 6 **T**his dream great loss and detriment :
It seems to include in its portent :
And when the matter comes to trial,
You'll finde 'twill chance some great denial.
- 7 **Y**ou were not born in a happie hour ;
The fates upon you seem to lowre :
Look to't, I tell you as a friend,
You are like to make a heavie end.
- 8 **T**hy time of life will have long date,
But seldom in a happie state :
For thou shalt pass from th'night to th'morrow,
Almost in a continual sorrow.
- 9 **T**here is no cause of grief at all ;
If any, yet 'twill be but small :
And therefore do you not complain ;
For, what you lost, you'll get again.
- 10 **L**et not the parents much lament,
But arm themselves with sweet content :
By my conjecture it appears,
This childe at th'most lives but eight years.
- 11 **U**p to the husband and the wife,
The destinies do gave long life :
They very long shall live together,
And at one time like flowers shall wither.
- 12 **T**ake heed (my friend) and be not mad ;
For if you follow that counseil bad,
It will no good luck to you bring,
Nor will you thrive in any thing.

B.

Flora.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Flora. 102.

- 2 **I**n troth (sweet-heart) I pity thee ;
Thou lov'st a man too well : for he
In time of need from thee will shrink :
He loves thee not as thou dost think.
- 3 **T**o merriment thou art inclin'd,
And 'tis by fate to thee assign'd,
That thou wilt chiefly welcome be
To people that love mirth and glee.
- 4 **T**hou shalt but one wife have alone,
And that thou'l think too many by one :
She shall be rich (indeed) but old,
And, which is worse, an arrant scold.
- 5 **B**e wise, go forward in thy choice,
And thou shalt have cause to rejoice :
She's a good houswife, be thou sure,
And one that will thy weal procure.
- 6 **B**e not thouvert at fortune's lot ;
For, being blinde, she seeth not :
A wife she'll give thee (mark it right)
When thou shalt finde a grain too light.
- 7 **S**he is perfect true in minde ;
She unto thee seems very kinde :
But learn, my friend, as light to set her ;
For sure she loves another better.
- 8 **B**e not too hastie, have a care,
And of this creature be aware :
For if thou have her, she to thee
Will prove an angry stinging Bee.
- 9 **Y**ou'll be a man employed much,
Your worthy qualities are such :
In Council, State, and such affairs,
You'll end your date of worldy cares.
- 10 **T**his day seems to portend for you
A journey : say, friend, is't not true ?
Do not deny't ; for 'tis most right ;
Thou'l walk somewhere 'twixt this and night.
- 11 **P**referment follows at thy heel,
As by experience thou shalt feel :
My Art, which hath but seldom err'd,
Says thou shalt quickly be preferr'd.
- 12 **B**e not too confident (good friend)
This company both love pretend :
But I advise thee, do not trust
Them ; for they'll be to thee unjust.

Pan.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Pan. 103.

- 2 **S**He shall be young, and rich withal,
But her stock of virtues small:
She'll wish thy self devoid of life,
Rather then live with such a wife.
- 3 **H**onest man, be rul'd by me,
Trust her not too much; for she
Seems to love, but the conclusion
Will prove all but meer delusion.
- 4 **B**e not daunted, but persist,
Though thou finde not as thou list;
Trouble not thy self with fear,
Yet thou mayst come somewhat near.
- 5 **I**f the Proverb do not mock,
Thou wert wrapt in thy mothers smock;
For thou art (as I do finde)
Well belov'd 'mongst women-kinde.
- 6 **V**Vhatsoe'er may be the cause,
Thou canst tell with little pause;
Be it what it can or may,
This is to thee a merry day.
- 7 **T**is pity but he had his right;
For he is a worthy wight:
He from virtues rule ne'er swerves;
Great preferment he deserves.
- 8 **M**Ake much of this good company;
For thou shalt be sure thereby
To arise (say that I led it)
Unto friendship, wealth, and credit.
- 9 **Y**Our pleasant assability,
Joyn'd with liberality,
For a certain 'twill you bring
To obtain the wished thing.
- 10 **T**Rouble not thy self in vain,
Drive such fancies from thy brain;
For I truly tell to thee,
What thou thinkst, will never be.
- 11 **B**E not troubled at this dream;
Entertain no thoughts extrem:
For 'tis to be understood,
That this dream portends your good.
- 12 **T**he end, if good, 's the crown of all;
If bad, of evils principal:
This chance can nought but good portend;
A loving person brings the end.

Solon,

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Solon. 104.

2 **T**WO (my friend) 'tis almost folly,
By reason of your melancholy :
For be assur'd of this, that no man
That's so, is car'd for by a woman.

3 **H**ERE is a chance of merchandise,
Or of a Chapman's exercise :
Be sure, this day you'll prosper well,
If you do either buy or sell.

4 **I**FF thou wouldest preserment have,
Leave the pot (thou drunken knave)
This experiance probeth plain,
A drunkard can small credit gain.

5 **B**E not afraid, nor scruple take,
These companions thine to make :
For I (truly) testifie
That 'tis no bad company.

6 **I**FF the thing you wish t'obtain,
Were but possible to gain,
You might (nay more, you should) atchieve it :
But it's impossible ; then leave it.

7 **T**IS but folly to expect
What never will take effect :
Fortune will not so't agree :
To speak plain, this cannot be.

8 **T**HERE was a dream : well, let that pass ;
But, whate'er the meaning was,
Try if Fate may be withhold ;
For to you it bodes no god.

9 **T**HIS hastie hurrying I like not ;
Fair and softly, be n't too hot :
For I tell thee as a friend,
I will bring thee to an untimely end.

10 **I**FF to thirty you arrive,
Then the Fates do thus contrive,
That you may live longer yet :
D'er that stile you'll hardly get.

11 **S**PARE thy labour and thy cost,
For the thing that thou hast lost :
Do not cast good after bad ;
For the thing will ne'er be had.

12 **T**HIS is a lustie healthful bearn,
And will live long (from truth I learn :)
Of Sciences among the rest,
It will Musick love the best.

Arion.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Arion. 105.

- 2 **T**rouble not thy self in vain;
For her love thou shalt not gain:
Though she'll kiss and toy, yet she
Doth not care a far for thee.
- 3 **A** Las god iwoman, ill's your lot;
An unk inde hu'band have you got:
And let me give the devil his due;
He loves your money better then you.
- 4 **S**weet lass, shou art so blithe or bold,
If thou wilst hear thy fortune told,
Be not abash't, nor swear nor stamp;
Th art onely fit to follow the Camp.
- 5 **T**ake h'rd unto thy self thi: day,
And be advis'd by what I say:
For you will met with some distaste,
If t be n't p'rented by forecast.
- 6 **L**ook not yet to e'bate
Thy self by strength of worldly state:
Fortune will grant at last thy boon,
Yet won't p'refer thee very soon.
- 7 **I**t were well for thee thy hopes were strong,
If this god company might last longer;
Unto thy profit twould arise:
Make use of time, I the advise.
- 8 **I**f you do desire a thing
Possible to pass to bring,
It may and shall be brought t'effect,
Even as you do expect.
- 9 **W**hat you noin do think upon,
Do not look for it anon:
But be sure 'twill come t'effect,
If your self do n't it neglect.
- 10 **T**rouble not thy minde at all,
What may from thy d:ram besal:
For 'tis w'ch no estimation:
Drive i from thy imagination.
- 11 **I**f thou knowst thy self aright,
Thou art in a happy plight,
And hast cause to be full glad:
Better fortune can't be had.
- 12 **Y**ou shall unto old-age arrive,
And in all temporal substance sh'be:
In honour, riches bravely got,
You'll end your life; such is your lot.

L

Cupid.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Cupid. 106.

- 2 **T**his is a day of days to thee ;
For it a happy day will be :
Fortune (it seems) is fully bent
This day to give thee hearts content.
- 3 **T**he learning and apt promptitude
Wherewith thou amply art indu'd,
Tinto preferment will thee raise.
Learn thou to give the Giver praise.
- 4 **T**he company that thou dost keep
Is of an apprehension deep :
Then if with credit you'll keep touch,
Indeed you must bear with it much.
- 5 **T**o diligence you are inclin'd ;
Therefore what you conceive in minde,
You through that vertue shall attain :
Look after it, 'tis worth your pain.
- 6 **I**f thy thoughts soar not too hie,
But be sway'd by modestie ;
Then the thing to pass will come,
Or else not. This is my doom.
- 7 **L**ook to thy self, and be in doubt
With thy neighbours to fall out ;
For the purport of this dream
Is enmity and hate extreme.
- 8 **T**hou shalt in honour live and die,
And thy face of thine enemy :
In war thou shalt thy date expire ;
A death (for honour) no death higher.
- 9 **P**rudence and other vertues rare,
Wherewith you amply furnish'd are,
Have purchas'd to you (bold of strife)
Both riches and long term of life.
- 10 **I**ake off thy toll (sweet heart) be quiet ;
He's not appointed for thy diet ;
For all thy love, thy care, and pain
(To say the truth) is all in vain.
- 11 **G**od fortune doth this childe attend ;
Twill be long time ere his life end :
Besides, it shall much riches gather,
To glad the mother, joy the father.
- 12 **I** finde it right, and 'twill be so ;
Let neither of them grieve so't tho :
The wife will die before her mate,
For certain thus I calculate,

Teaching.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Teuchion. 107.

2 **F**ear not to enter on her, man,
But wed so soon as e'er thou canst:
For she'll be to thee (all her life)
A constant, loving, honest wife.

3 **F**ortune leves smiling upon you,
And loves you dearly (to say true):
For friendly welcome she affords
To you, 'mongst Princes and great Lords.

4 **T**his day boards neither bliss nor bale;
Betwixt them you may safely sail:
'Tis a strange chance as can be had;
For thou na'ost fear nor good nor bad.

5 **T**hen speakest fair, and hop'st thereby,
Thy learned words and flattery,
The object of thy wish attain;
Yet all thy glosing is in vain.

6 **S**ee, and in seeing heedfully
Thou mayst else be thine company:
They faithful are, and worthy trust;
For all their words and deeds are just.

7 **B**e not too rash in giving o're;
For thou must witt a little more:
And thou by leisure shalt aspire
Unto the height of thy desire.

8 **C**ast not away thy hope, my friend,
But patiently expect the end;
And with a little patient p'm,
Thou shal unto thy wish attain.

9 **B**y this dream which you have had,
The issues will be but bad:
Some great sickness will ensue;
Patience is best else for you.

10 **T**hy fortune's very hard and ill:
For I tell thee by my skill,
That thou shalt ere thy life ends,
Be forsaken of all friends.

11 **T**hou wilt not grow very aged:
(For this truth my skill's engaged)
Nor much honour shalt thou get.
Thus thy destiny is set.

12 **W**hat you lost, be sure of this,
Blame me if I say amiss:
You shall very shortly know
Where they be: no more but so,

Satyri.

The Dutch Fortune-teller.

Satyri. 108.

3. **S**he is not very handsome, I confess,
Yet I advise thee t'have her ne'ertheless:
She's truly honest, that's without dispute,
And one that to thy humour well will suit.
4. **T**hy fortune's god in choice; so thou
Shalt that saying disallow,
Can she be fair and honest too?
Yes; one who is so, is thy dace.
5. **T**rust her not (my friend) for she
Is not what she seems to be:
She's a false dissembling slut.
Now th' art warn'd, in time look to't.
6. **T**hou thinkst she loves thee; but thou art
Very much deceiv'd (good heart)
She's a subtle cunning drab,
And loves thee as she loves a crab.
6. **L**ook not at all welcom to be,
Wongst any of the best degree;
Thou maist have entertainment then,
Wongst common people and husbandmen.
7. **W**ouldst know what will besal this day?
Then pray thee list to what I say:
Lay by a groat against to morrow;
For thou'll ride out all the day thozow.
8. **T**hou maist preferment get ere long;
But say Grimerick's flering tongue:
Then tell thy skill; yet 'tis no bot
To say I bade thee; thou wilt do't.
9. **T**he company you need not dread;
By their instructions be you led:
Believe me, friend I speak no fable,
This company may be profitable.
10. **U**nsto your wish a period set;
Yet cause I tell you, do not fret;
You desire a thing in vain;
For you shall never it obtain.
11. **T**hink upon the thing no moze;
For thou no reason hast thereloe:
'Tis time I spent, I say to thee;
For what thou thinkest, will never be.
12. **B**e wary in your ways (my frierd)
And do nothing but to good end;
For this your dream, I tell you true,
Portends some great mischance to you.

FINIS.

